

## DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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the specification of which is attached hereto;

I state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to herein;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a), including any public use, sale, or offer for sale of the disclosed invention occurring more than one year prior to the filing date of this application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed and have identified any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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**PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)**

(Number) (Country) (Day/Month/Year filed) Priority Claimed

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

**PRIOR DOMESTIC APPLICATION(S)**

(Appl. Serial No.) (Filing date) (Status - patented, pending, abandoned)

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

And I hereby appoint, jointly and severally, MOORE & HANSEN:

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my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith and grant to them the general power of attorney to file and prosecute any foreign or International (PCT) application claiming the benefit of priority of this application, or any continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional thereof.

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Wherefore, I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the above-referenced specification and claims, and I hereby subscribe my name to said specification and claims and to the foregoing declaration, power of attorney and this petition.

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Date 1/15/02

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS(37 CFR 1.9(f) AND 1.27 (b) ) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR §1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark office with regard to the invention entitled:

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described in:

- (x) the specification filed herewith.
- ( ) application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
- ( ) Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR §1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR §1.9(d) or a non-profit organization under 37 CFR §1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

- (X) no such person, concern, or organization
- ( ) persons, concern, or organization listed below

Name:

Address:

Date: 1/15/02

  
Brian Nordstrom, Inventor

\*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring their status as small entities (37 CFR §1.9(3) ).

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